TEAL - Annabella McCrae

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Nurses Honor Miss McCrea at Massachusetts General

A lawn party given in front of the Bulfinch Building of the Massachusetts General Hospital in honor of Miss Annabella McCrea was attended by about 500 graduates of the hospital's school for nurses. The occasion was arranged by the General Hospital Nurses Alumni Association.

Miss McCrea will retire in the fall after thirty-three years of service, most of the time as instructor in nursing principles and practices. Her book on "Procedures in Nursing" has been carried all over the world by her pupils, and it has been translated into Chinese.

Blaze Sweeps Upper Story of House at 95 Myrtle Street, Waltham

Exploding rifle shells punctuated a fire which early today gutted the second floor of the two-story dwelling at 95 Myrtle street, Waltham. Alfred Anderson and his eighteen-year-old daughter, Evy Anderson, were seriously burned.

The father and girl were taken to the Waltham Hospital, but Mrs. Agda Anderson, fifty-five, and a son, Roy Anderson, twenty-seven, were treated by a local physician. All were burned about the head and shoulders.

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Boston Traveller
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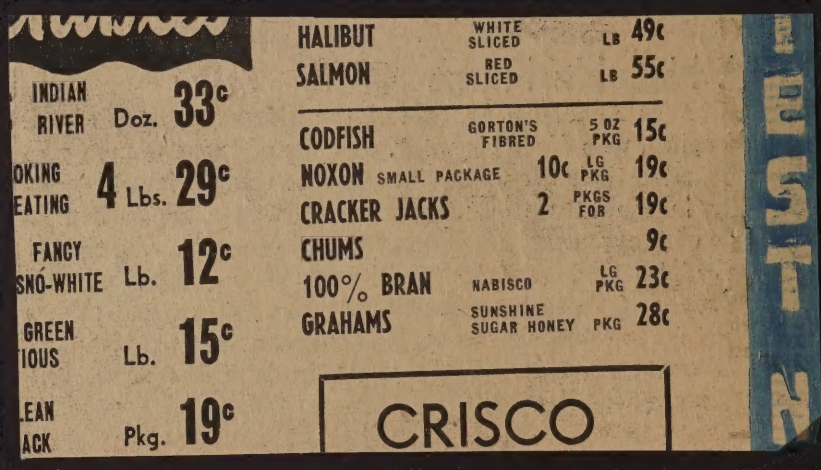
A Notable Nurse

Miss Annabella McCrae of the Massachusetts General Hospital, who died this week, was one of those women who dedicated their life to service and who thus believed implicitly in the future of nursing. She won a reputation as one of the greatest teachers of that profession. She taught principles and practice to nearly 2000 young women. Seventy of these became full-time instructors, and others went on to usefulness in various spheres. She wrote books, did war work and inspired youth in countless ways. Her influence will live on.



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It was over a year ago that we published the last letter from Lt. Col. Kathleen H. Atto, ANC (*MGH* 1922). It is good to hear from her again. Her address is still 97th General Hospital, APO 757, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y. She writes:

Before many months I expect to be back in the good old U.S.A., but will not give you a change of address until I get settled once more.

I was very interested in the account of Miss Morse's work in Czechoslovakia which appeared in THE NEWS. We have corresponded occasionally since she came over and have hoped we might at some time get together for a visit. On December 1, I returned from a four-day visit to Prague—very disappointed, because during that time I had not succeeded in getting in touch with her. I had written her three weeks before my going. I sent a wire saying where I expected to stay, and another after I arrived in Prague, telling where I was. I was unable to reach her by telephone, as I had only a mailing address, nor could I find a satisfactory way to get to Kladruby u Vlasim.

Conditions as I found them in Prague reminded me somewhat of my visit to Russia in 1939. Miss Morse writes that she expects to start home in January, which is earlier than planned, I believe.

Capt. Richmond Holder [*M* 1945], Lt. Leonille Dufault [*MGH* 1936], and I are trying to uphold the banner for M.G.H. here at the 97th General. tlc p.s Feb.'48

Funeral 2/15/48

New Nurses to Get Diplomas Tonight

The Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing will hold graduating exercises for the February section of the class of 1948 at 8:30 tonight in Moseley Building, Fruit street. Dr. William Jason Mixter will present diplomas to 37 graduates. The address will be given by Dean Virginia Dunbar, Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing.

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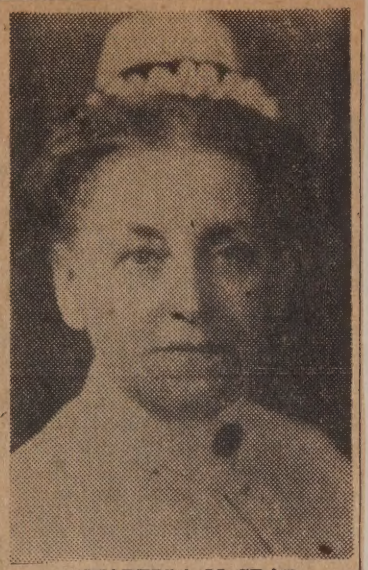

ANNABELLA McCRAE

Annabella McCrae, Retired Nursing Instructor, Dead

Funeral services for Annabella McCrae, 84, instructor in nursing at Massachusetts General Hospital until her retirement 14 years ago, will be held tomorrow at 2 P. M. in the Gordon Chapel of Old South Church. She died Sunday night at the hospital after a brief illness. She lived at the Pioneer Hotel, 410 Stuart street.

Miss McCrae was born in St. Louis, Quebec, and came here to enter the training school for nurses at McLean Hospital, Waverly, from which she was graduated from the nursing school of the Massachusetts General and was appointed assistant superintendent of Quincy Hospital.

In 1902 she returned to the Massachusetts General as second assistant to the superintendent, remaining there until her retirement in 1934. In that year she was awarded the Saunders Medal for "distinguished service in the cause of nursing" by the American Nurses Association.

During World War I she was given a leave of absence by the hospital to join the staff of the Army School of Nursing, and was assigned to the school at Fort Devens.

The Annabella McCrae Loan Fund, established by the alumnae association of the hospital in her honor, has provided assistance to many young graduates of the school, particularly those preparing for the field of teaching.

Nursing, School of

Mercy Mission

Boston has lost a Florence Nightingale, not in comparable public acclaim, but in the selfishness of service and devotion to others that have made the nursing profession the mark of honor and respect as the pathways of science have broadened. For 33 consecutive years, Miss Annabella McCrae gave her energies and skill to the Massachusetts General Hospital Training School for Nurses. In that period, she taught 1953 graduates, 76 per cent of the entire student body from 1902 to 1934, with a knowledge, craftsmanship and power that gave "life to the subject and zeal to the student."

Her most precious tangible recognition was the award of the Saunders Medal for "distinguished service in the cause of nursing." For posterity, she leaves her textbook on nursing procedures and an alumnae-established fund, the Annabella McCrae Loan Fund, to assist advanced education in her profession. Her integrity lives on in her determination of the capacity of the individual student, and her insistence on its fulfillment. Steeped in the theory of nursing, progressive in receptivity to new methods, she lived up to the principle that "the soul of service must not be sacrificed to the technique."

Pioneer Teacher of Nursing

They may never have heard of her but there are tens of thousands of men, women and children who have owed bodily comfort and even health itself to an 84-year-old woman who was buried yesterday in Boston.

Annabella McCrae was a pioneer in the teaching of nursing—bedside nursing. For 33 years she was an instructor in the Massachusetts General Training School for Nurses, 22 years of that time a full-time teacher. While carrying on her job she wrote a definitive two-volume "Procedures in Nursing" which ran to seven printings and was translated into Turkish and Chinese. Altogether 1953 graduates of the General school came directly under the influence of her forceful, autocratic and conscientious teaching. Uncounted others were taught from her books.

Of Scottish Highland ancestry, this Canadian-born nurse was quick and positive in her opinions, acutely aware of what she believed to be her own defects, but doggedly determined to bring out perfection in her pupils. She was a believer in military discipline and was fiercely devoted to the reputation of the hospital and its school. But for 33 years she turned out nurses who held the patients' welfare and comfort as their first consideration while perfecting their nursing technique to the greatest possible extent.

Generations of students from her hospital have carried her creed into the sickroom and into other schools of nursing.

MISS ANNABELLA McCRAE

For thirty-nine years Miss Annabella McCrae was a part of the Massachusetts General Hospital. While her place was Instructor of Nursing Practice in the School of Nursing, her domain included the whole hospital, which she loved. Her influence reached beyond its gates to nurses and doctors, near and far.

Her associates knew more of her search for truth, her kindnesses, her personal interests than did her students, for Miss McCrae remains an austere and formidable mentor to many. Her personal wishes appeared subordinated always to her great dream — that nursing should focus on the patient and that it must be good as long as an MGH student or graduate gave nursing care. That there are many of her 1953 students who still hear her words and see the accusing finger down the years may be interpreted variously. For some she had to be a conscience; for others, a teacher. The indelibility of the impression is one of the traces of her immortality.

She knew what it meant to be disheartened. She knew that beyond her presence, the willful, the careless, the ignorant had not been transmuted enough to go on alone. She insisted on a pattern of nursing that was soundly built and superior enough to withstand much of the diminishing calibre that resulted from the impact of the inexperienced worker confronted with an artist's task. That one day our work might have its artistic elements, she believed. She had courage. In one sense, she walked alone.

Yet she sought the guidance of doctors and other instructors, and contributed to their knowledge and understandings. She did not gather her students as a shepherd; she tried to provide them with the means to be free.

George Herbert Palmer says, "A true teacher is always meditating his work, disciplining himself for his profession, probing the problems of his glorious art, and seeing illustration of them everywhere." There are many graduates of this School of Nursing who knew such a teacher. Their obligation is clear. May they, too, have courage.

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New plans for the School of Nursing

At the graduating exercises of the Class of February 1948, Miss Ruth Sleeper, Director of the School of Nursing, announced in her report to the class plans for the educational program which will go into effect in the fall of this year. An excerpt from Miss Sleeper's report, describing the new program, follows.

Tonight, I should like to tell you of the plans we have made for your successors in the School. Much has been written and said of late about reducing the length of the three-year basic program in nursing. Much has been said about the overtrained nurse. Little or no experimentation has been done to determine how the nursing curriculum has been affected by the changing medical practices, the new trends in public health programs, the differences in general education, the increasing immaturity of the student nurse. No one has determined what the results would be if nurses were graduated with a knowledge of nursing, but unskilled in the practice of nursing. It has long been an established fact that the student in the School of Nursing repeated many activities long after the point of learning had been reached. Some of this repetition was effective, in that skill was developed; some had no value in the preparation of the nurse. It is also an established fact that nursing, just as truly as other fields of medical science today, requires a carefully planned and progressive educational program. A review of our curriculum indicated areas which needed strengthening. Consideration of the ward practice content indicated the feasibility of dividing the 3 years into 2 periods. The first period of 28 months is to be a period of education, during which the instruction of the student is the primary objective. Practice during this period is planned to the point of safe learning, but not of skill. The second period of 8 months is to be a period of practical internship, during which the student should develop the skill requisite to a graduate nurse. Because the student will give full time to nursing care, she will receive a stipend during the period of internship.

When this program becomes fully effective it will be a more costly one for the Hospital. It will require more instructors, the preclinical period will be extended to 6 months, and the students in the educational period as a whole will make less contribution to nursing service, due to shortened hours of ward experience. It will be more costly, too, for the student, for tuition will be increased. It is the belief, however, of those who have participated in the planning that students will find more satisfaction in such a program which allows time to study and time to learn to give good nursing care. Applicants will be enrolled in the new program in September 1948.

In January, the Ladies' Visiting Committee of the Hospital gave a tea for all staff and head nurses in the General Hospital. Mrs. Chester M. Jones headed the committee for the tea, which was held in Walcott House.

A number of important changes in personnel have taken place this month in the Nursing Department:

Miss Marjorie Irene Weed came to us early in February as a surgical supervisor. A graduate of the University of Minnesota School of Nursing in 1942, Miss Weed has had experience as instructor of practical nursing at that school. During 1946 and 1947, she was Public Health Nursing Consultant at the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The new instructor of anatomy and physiology, replacing Miss Eleanora Keene, is Miss Helen Curran. Miss Curran, a graduate of MGH School of Nursing and Simmons College in 1938, has been studying for her master's degree at Boston University since leaving the military service.

Miss Julia Boghosian has left her position as supervisor of the General Hospital Operating Room in order to enroll at Boston College. Miss Rae Simmons, MGH 1940, who has served in the operating room as assistant supervisor, has taken over Miss Boghosian's work. In Miss Simmons's place a new assistant supervisor has been appointed. She is Miss Abigail Norris, who graduated from this school in 1934 and who has recently been supervisor of the operating room at the Lynn Hospital.

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Miss Ruth Sleeper, Director of the School of Nursing and Nursing Service, spent the week of March 1st in Chicago, participating in an institute on nursing education conducted by the American Hospital Association and the National League of Nursing Education.

A new program especially for staff nurses has been announced by Miss Edna S. Lepper, Assistant Director in charge of Nursing Service. While its primary purpose is to orient the nurse who is new to the hospital, a number of the meetings will concern matters of general interest and will be attended by all staff nurses. Topics that will be covered in the program include: hospital and school history, hospital organization, the counseling programs for students and graduates, the ward teaching program, research at the hospital, the nurse's role in research, the nurse-patient relationship, and psychiatric nursing.

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Interest in nursing as a career is showing a definite increase. During the month of April, the School of Nursing has sponsored a number of activities to meet this interest. On April 2, 3, and 10, groups of high school students were guests of the School for programs which gave them further information about nursing and offered an opportunity to tour the hospital under the direction of student guides. Recently, too, Miss Jessie Stewart, Assistant Director of the School, has filled a number of speaking engagements at high schools where good-sized groups registered an interest in nursing.

Several graduate nurses from other countries are currently with us, to study modern methods of nursing and nursing education. They are Miss Tuygill, from Turkey; Miss Velasquez and Miss Manipon, both from the Philippine Republic; and Miss Price, from England.

Plans are now under way for a special celebration, on June 11, 12, and 13, of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the School of Nursing.

The new program for staff nurses, mentioned in last month's NEWS, has been augmented by the establishment of orientation tours for new graduates from other schools, designed to acquaint them with all the activities and facilities of this hospital.

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TRANSLATIONS OF MISS McCRAE'S BOOK ENTITLED "PROCEDURES IN NURSING"

Editor, Boston Medical and Surgical Journal:

There are in Boston and vicinity so many physicians who at one time or another have had connection with the Massachusetts General Hospital that we think you would be glad to print as an item of interest the fact that Miss McCrae's book has already been translated into Turkish and is being used in the new government training school. It is the only book of the kind in Turkey or the Balkans.

This week we have given permission for its translation into Chinese, so the value of Miss McCrae's teaching will be enormously extended.

Yours very truly,

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when Albany officers will call for him.

Transcript
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Boston Nurse Wins Distinction

Miss Annabelle McCrae, teacher of principles and practices of nursing at Massachusetts General Hospital, has been awarded the Walter Burns Saunders gold medal for most distinguished service to the nursing profession. The award was made by Dr. Nathaniel W. Faxon, president of the American Hospital Association, at a joint meeting in Washington with the National League of Nursing Education and American Nursing Association, a national organization of public health nurses.

It is the first time that this medal, awarded every second year, has come to Boston. The honors are highly appreciated, and applauded by the nurses and medical staff at Massachusetts General Hospital, where Miss McCrae graduated in 1895 and where she has been a teacher thirty-two years.

new low score will be posted. Among those who teed off about noon were R. W. (Bunny) Wilson, the South Shore sensation who recently won the Kittanset invitation, and Ben Goodale of the Winchester Goodales.

Among the no-cards were Emery Stratton, smooth-swinging Charles River representative, and Charles E. (Crasho Crane of Commonwealth. Stratton and Crane started out Thursday morning to gain the honor of being the first officia entries for an M. G. A. tourney in 1934. Although it is believed both scored better than 87, neither returned a card.

"Buck" Whittemore, The Country Club veteran, who won this tournament last year with a par-equalling and record 72, still is in the South and was not expected to start at Marlboro.

The two cards:

ROLFE

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In...	4	5	6	5	3	5	5	5	4—42—87	-8—7

HURLEY

Out..	4	5	5	6	4	5	4	5	3—41	
In...	5	6	4	7	4	5	4	7	4—46—87	-8—7

Lunt Wins Closed

Washington Herald Staff Photo

NURSE RECEIVES MEDAL—Miss Annabella McRae is pictured receiving the award of the Walter Burns Saunders Memorial Medal, presented by Dr. Nathaniel Wales Faxon, president of the American Hospital Association, as a feature of the nurses' convention which opened yesterday. Left to right are Dr. Faxon, Miss Elnora Thomson, president of the American Nurses Association, and Miss McRae, of Boston.

April 1934

VETERAN NURSE IS GIVEN MEDAL

Thirty-nine years a teacher of bedside nursing in a Boston hospital, Miss Annabella McRae last night was acclaimed America's most distinguished nurse, when she was presented the Walter Burns Saunders memorial medal at the first evening session of the American Nurses Association, in convention here with affiliated organizations.

The award was made by Dr. Nathanal Wales Faxon, head of the Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester.

Miss McRae's position is that of full-time instructor in the principles and practices of nursing at Massachusetts General Hospital, and her outstanding contribution to nursing, the committee on awards noted:

"Lies in the high quality of the standards and the technics she taught. More than 2,000 graduates of the Massachusetts General Hospital received their instruction from her. It is said by her students that she relentlessly held them to their best and it is because of this insistence on the best both in ideals and technics of nursing that her profession honors her."

The award was made at the close of last night's session at the Washington Auditorium, filled to capacity by visiting nurses, with an estimated number of 1,000 unable to gain entrance.

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